

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho has recognized this as the Generation of the Child; and

WHEREAS, the children of Idaho are our most precious natural resource and it is important to reaffirm to them their importance and worth; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's youth make a difference in our lives: as mentors to their peers, as examples to younger Idahoans, and as active parts of our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a day to honor the children of Idaho will help affirm the significance of family, education, and communities; and

WHEREAS, families should be encouraged to engage in family and community activities to promote greater communication among the generations enabling children to appreciate and benefit from the experiences and wisdom of parents, extended family and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children is working to promote the well being of Idaho's children; and

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WHEREAS, the 2003 Idaho State Legislature passed House Bill 259, making Idaho the first state in the Nation to recognize April 30 as Children's Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the day of April 30, 2004, to be

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in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of the youth in our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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